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Honorable George Bush
Director
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Dear Mr. Bush:

The Subcommittee on International Trade and Commerce will hold a hearing in the near future on the role of the intelligence community in the process of export licensing of advanced technology. This hearing is part of a series of hearings the Subcommittee is conducting as a preface to anticipated action later in the year by the full International Relations Committee on the proposed extension of the Export Administration Act.

The Subcommittee hereby requests the appearance of a representative of the Central Intelligence Agency to testify at this hearing. The Subcommittee plans to go immediately into executive session in order to permit a full discussion of the matters at hand.

In addition to a general review of the role of the intelligence community in export licensing decisions where advanced technology is concerned, the Subcommittee wishes to focus and receive detailed testimony on two specific cases of the sale of advanced technology to Communist nations. These cases are: (1) the export in 1972 of machine tools by the Bryant Grinder Corporation (Springfield, Virginia) to the Soviet Union which are alleged to have been instrumental in enabling the Soviets to mass produce precision ball bearings for use in the guidance system of MIRVs; and (2) the agreement in 1975 between Rolls Royce Ltd. and the People's Republic of China regarding sale of supersonic military Spey engines and production technology.

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Witnesses are requested to be prepared to discuss and document their participation in these two specific cases, including information on the following questions: (1) what was your agency's assessment of the proposed sale(s) at the time they were considered and approved by the United States, (2) what were your recommendations and role in U.S. government deliberations on these export proposals, and (3) what is your current assessment of the impact of these sales on the national security of the United States?

The Subcommittee plans to schedule and conduct this hearing during the week of April 5, 1976. Your prompt designation of a witness will facilitate scheduling. The Subcommittee staff may be reached to discuss this and other details at 225-3246 (Congressional Hotel Annex, Room 707).

The Subcommittee looks forward to hearing from your agency on this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chairman
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